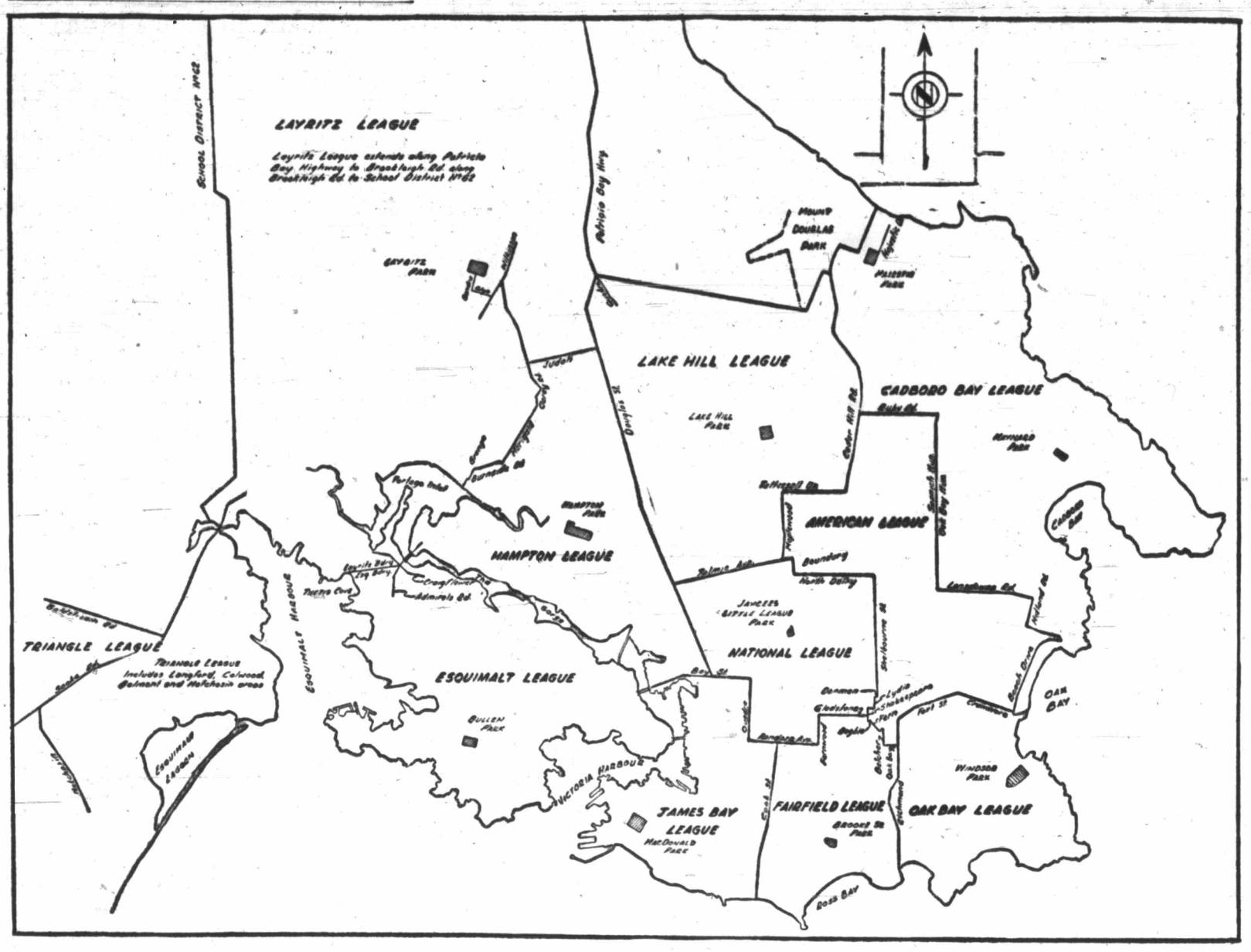

Victoria's Spring Map

Just a glance at the above map shows why Victoria is said to have reached "saturation point" when it comes to Little League baseball activity. Total of 11 leagues makes Victoria the first city in Canada to reach that point, and the 1,500 youngsters involved flock to their home parks within the next few days for annual registrations. All boys 9-12 are eligible, and parents are urged to accompany them to the registrations. League boundaries and home parks are shown above.

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Mushrooming Little Leagues Ready for Another Big Year

It may be hard to prove by the weather but the stirrings in Greater Victoria's Little League are ample proof that spring is here. By this time next week, about 2,000 youngsters will have been registered for play in one of the area's 11 Little Leagues and five other juvenile baseball leagues. In about three weeks, they will be playing in regularly scheduled games.

Victoria's minor baseball program has come a long way in six years. Little League started here in 1953 under the co-sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and The Daily Colonist with the formation of the four-team National League which accommodated only 60 boys. Six years later, 11 leagues are in operation and about 1,500 boys between 9 and 12 years of age will be playing Little League baseball.

First Little League registration will be held today when youngsters in the Belmont, Colwood, Langford and Happy Valley districts will be listed for possible inclusion on teams in the Triangle League. Registration will be at the Langford Community Hall between 6 and 8 p.m. and all youngsters must bring their birth certificates. Whenever possible, parents should accompany their boys. This also applies to registrations set for next week.

The other 10 Little Leagues will register players between 6 and 8 p.m. next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as follows: National and American Leagues at Hillside Avenue Park; Esquimalt-Victoria West League at Bullen Park; Hampton League at Hampton Park; James Bay League at Macdonald Park; Fairfield League at Brooke Street Park; Cadboro Bay-Gordon Head League at Maynard Park in Cadboro Bay and Majestic Park in Gordon Head; Layritz League at Roy Road Hall at the corner of Roy and Wilkinson Roads; Oak Bay League at Windsor Park, and Lake Hill League at Bradford Park.

LOOK AT MAP

For youngsters and parents not certain of which league their district is in, the map above shows league boundaries. There is a registration fee of one dollar, which will be used for insuring the youngsters against possible injury.

Leafs Convert Unbelievers; Hawks Defiant

Toronto Maple Leafs will be playing the unaccustomed role of favorites tonight when they host Boston Bruins in an effort to wrap up their best-of-seven Stanley Cup semi-final in six games.

It must be a strange feeling for the Leafs. They've been underdogs for every game in the past three weeks, ever since they started the amazing stretch drive that brought them to a berth in the playoffs. But now, riding a three-game winning streak after losing the first two games of the series at Boston, they return home tonight rated strong favorites to wind up the series.

Tonight's semi-final game between Boston Bruins and Toronto Maple Leafs will be telecast on Channels 2 and 6 starting at 6 p.m.

However, none of the Leafs, not even the ever-talkative coach, Punch Imlach, consider the Bruins to be finished. Neither do the Bruins. Coach Milt Schmidt, promising line-up changes in an effort to spark his club, said yesterday that "maybe the Leafs will find out they're not the only ones who can fight back. I think I can get the team up for this one."

If the Bruins do send the series into a seventh game, it will be played Tuesday night in Boston. Series winner meets either Chicago Black Hawks or Montreal Canadiens, who play tonight at Chicago.

Canadiens lead that series, 3-2, and can enter the Stanley Cup final for the ninth stright year with a win tonight. The Hawks, however, have won both games played at Chicago, and coach Rudy Pilous was confident that the return to home ice tonight will be a major factor in sending the series into a seventh game Tuesday at Montreal.

Pilous was also happy that there would be a different referee at Chicago.

"Frank Udvari stoned us at Montreal Thursday with a lot of cheap penalties," he stormed. "I don't think he's the right official for a clutch game like this. I think he chokes up."

Pilous announced that he would use a fourth attacking line tonight, to cut down the pressure on his three main units. Phil Maloney, Danny Lewicki and Mack McKenzie will be used on a brief, "shock troop" basis during the game.

Coach Toe Blake of the Canadiens said he plans no lineup changes.

Vernon Meets Regina

Regina Caps last night qualified to meet Vernon Canadians in the Western Canada Allan Cup final by outscoring Port Arthur Bearcats, 5-3, to win the best-of-five semi-final in five games.

In Eastern Canada, Whitby Dunlops took another step in their quest for the Allan Cup when they defeated Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen, 5-2, to take a 2-0 lead in the Ontario finals. The winner of this series advances into the Eastern Canada final to decide the team which will meet the winner of the Regina-Vernon series for Canadian senior hockey supremacy.

At Regina, a crowd of 2,600 watched the Caps take a 3-1 lead in the first period and match goals with the Bearcats in the final two periods. Veteran Pat Lundy set the pace for the winners with two first-period goals. Alvin Jorgeson was the best for the losers, scoring onee and making the plays for the other two goals.

Port Arthur—Goal: Hughes; defence: Oakley, Hrymnak, Whitney; forwards: C. Johnston, Berini, Ceresino, Irving, Jorgenson, Hurdon, Massaro, P. Johnston, Arnold, Kompon, Polowski.

Regina — Goal: Babiuk; defence, Heinrich, King, Reeve, Grebinsky; forwards: Kyle, Yarnton, Rogers, Lundy, Parker, Rusnell, Whittal, Schwartz, Petrovitch, Gaber.

Referee: Hy Beatty; linesmen: Chick Little and Willy Papp.

FIRST PERIOD

1. Regina, Schwartz (Grebensky, Gaber) 4.38.
2. Regina, Lundy (Parker) 7.19.
3. Regina, Lundy 15.51.
4. Port Arthur, Whitney (Jorgenson) 18.21.

Penalties: Heinrich, minor and misconduct 11.37, J. Johnston 11.50.

SECOND PERIOD

5. Regina, Rogers (Kyle, Yarnton) 6.00.
6. Port Arthur, Jorgenson (Irving, Whitney) 18.32.

Penalties: Massaro 9.50, Reeve 15.21.

THIRD PERIOD

7. Port Arthur, Irving (Jorgeson, Oakley) 1.47.
8. Regina, Petrovitch (Whittal) 4.08.

Penalty: Reeve 7.01.

Stops:

Hughes	9	11	7	26
Babiuk	8	6	8	22

Eilers Dethroned After Nine Years

SASKATOON—For the first time in nine years, Vancouver Eilers are not Canadian women's basketball champions.

What is thought to be the longest reign in Canadian basketball history came to an end here last night when Saskatoon's scrappy Aces came back to score a thrilling 55-49 victory over the defending champions.

Eilers, seeking their 10th straight title, reached the final Thursday night with a 68-48 win over Calgary Maxwells while the Aces defeated Toronto Teamsters, 61-45, in their semi-final match.

Trailing by as much as 15 points, the Aces never gave up last night and finally pulled even at 45-45 with four minutes left. Forcing Eilers to come to them, Aces took advantage of defensive errors and over-eagerness on offence to pull away in the final minutes.

Eilers led, 37-23, at half-time, but Aces had whittled the margin to 42-36 by the end of the third quarter by slowing down play and working the ball well.

Helping Aces at the finish was the fact that three Vancouver first-stringers fouled out in the final quarter. Nora McDermott was whistled to the sidelines just after the quarter opened and Shirley Topley followed her a few minutes later. Joan Lorenz got her fifth personal with just over a minute left.

Pat Lawson, a former member of the Vancouver club, was a star for the Aces. She scored only nine points but excelled as a rebounder, particularly under the defensive basket, and playmaker.

Saskatoon: McGuinn (6), Campbell (2), Edwards, Flor (16), Holt (12), Jenkin, Lambert (2), Lawson (8), Leverson, Diduck (1). Total—55.

Vancouver: Whitehead, McDermott (8), Sherbang (10), Peterson (3), Lorenz, Walker (20), McGiveron (3), Topley (3), Bangough, Purrell (4). Total—49.

Veterans Tourney Favorites

Nancy Craig and Carl Cole, a pair of perennial champions, reached the singles finals of the Western Canada table tennis championships last night and rule as heavy favorites for today's championship round.

Mrs. Craig will play newcomer Barbara Depataksely, formerly of Hungary, in the ladies' final. Cole, the defending-champion from Portland, will meet one of three opponents—Gerry Addy of Vancouver, Harry McFadden of Seattle, or Ray Greenwood of Victoria.

Only champion crowned after last night's play at the Amphion Street hall was Jo McGregor of Victoria, who defeated Kathy Belfilf of Portland in the ladies' novice singles.

In other singles finals today, Ricky Gough of Victoria meets Seattle's Dennis Dill in the junior class, and Jim Davison takes on either Wiefmeir or Fredrickson in senior play.

Gough and Dill will team up against Brian Page and Ricky Pye of Victoria in junior doubles.

All finals begin tonight at 7.

FAN FARE By Walt Ditzen

Speaking Briefly

Ray's Crown in Peril; Scott Kayoes Logart

New York State Athletic Commission cracked down on Sugar Ray Robinson yesterday, ordering him to sign by April 15 to defend his world middleweight title against Carmen Basilio, or have it taken away from him.

Officials of the commission said that Basilio, the former champion, was considered the only logical contender, and has placed a $2,000 bond with the commission backing up his bid for another shot at Robinson.

Robinson has not defended his title since March 25, 1958, when he regained it from Basilio after losing it in Sept., 1957. Since then he has been hard to pin down while supposedly arranging for a bout with light-heavyweight king Archie Moore.

The National Boxing Association has also given him a deadline, warning that he must sign by April 25 or be stripped of the title.

Charley Scott, promising Philadelphia welterweight, handed Isaac Logart a merciless pounding in Washington last night for a third-round technical knockout and his second upset win over the high-ranking Cuban contender in three weeks.

Scott was an unknown when he won a split decision from Logart last month. Now he has won 21 fights, 12 by knockouts, lost nine, and is ranked 10th among the world welterweight contenders.

STEVE BILKO, a minor league home-run king who just can't make the grade in the major leagues, has been assigned to **Spokane Indians** of the **Pacific Coast League** by **Los Angeles Dodgers . . . Sal** Maglie, 42-year-old righthander who helped pitch **New York Giants, Brooklyn Dodgers** and **New York Yankees** to pennants, has been put on waivers by **St. Louis Cardinals,** and may serve as a pitching coach in their farm system . . . **Cincinnati Redlegs** have shelled out with a $100,000 bonus in signing pitcher **Jim Maloney,** a Fresno, Calif., student . . . **Trois-Rivieres Lions** of the **Quebec Hockey League** will challenge the **Western Hockey League champions** for the **Edinburgh Trophy** if they get by **Montreal Royals** in their current league final.

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TONY CHIBI of Leamington, Ont., took a slight lead after five games last night in the 15-game Canadian tenpin championships at Windsor, Ont. Chibi rolled 915, followed by **Gerard Lapierre,** of Valley Field, Que., 912; **John Allenby,** Vancouver, 882, and **Tony Glasser,** Regina, 811 . . . First all-foreign singles final in the history of the U.S. badminton championships was set up yesterday in Detroit when **Charoen Wattanasin** of Thailand eliminated defending-champion **Jim Poole** of San Francisco, 15-6, 15-13. Wattanasin meets **Tan Joe Hok** of Indonesia today for the title . . . **B.C. Lions** will attempt to trade import guard **Ed Sharkey,** and both **Edmonton Eskimos** and **Calgary Stampeders** are said to be interested . . . **Hamilton Tiger-Cats** have signed halfback **Dick Washington,** formerly with **Chicago Bears** of the **National Football League.**

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EASY SPUR and **Troilus,** who have jumped into the contending picture for the **Kentucky Derby** in recent weeks, meet today in the $100,000-added **Florida Derby** at Gulfstream Park . . . **Floyd Patterson,** the heavyweight king who has been in virtual retirement for more than a year, expressed pleasure yesterday at a four-fight program lined up for him in the next 19 months. In addition to title defences against **Brian London,** May 1, and **Ingemar Johannson,** June 25, he will put his title up for grabs in two other NBC- televised bouts before Nov. 1, 1960 . . . Third game of the best-of-five Western Canada intermediate hockey semi-final will be played tonight in Red Deer between **Red Deer Rustlers** and **Vancouver Pilseners.** Rustlers lead, 2-0, after 14-3 and 5-3 victories earlier in the week.

Lucien Stops Totems

SEATTLE — Vancouver Canucks, defending the Western Hockey League playoff championship, didn't lose a thing when rookie-goalkeeper Bruce Gamble was forced out of action with a broken nose.

Canucks picked up Lucien Dechene to fill in and last night the big veteran was the difference as the Canucks started the best-of-seven Western Division final with a 2-0 win over Seattle Totems.

Dechene picked off 23 shots, many of them difficult, to hand Totems what was only their second shutout of the season as well as their ninth loss in 38 home games.

TOTEMS ROUGHED

Obviously playing according to plan, the Canucks roughed up the Totems in the first period, picked up the all-important first goal when defenceman Gary Blaine rifled in a shot while Totems played without Gordie Sinclair, off for a two-minute rest in the penalty box.

From there, the Canucks played it close to the vest and their aggressive tactics never let the Totems get organized, even when Seattle had a two-man edge for 57 seconds in the first period.

Ron Hutchinson iced it with just over three minutes left with a blazing shot after taking a pass from Ron Howell.

A crowd of 3,419 sat in on a typical playoff game. Second game will be played here Sunday with the series then moving to Vancouver for the third and fourth games.

Vancouver — Goal, Dechene; defence, Cahan, Macnab, Currie, Blaine; forwards, Pearson, Hampson, Belisle, Peacosh, Cyr, Howell, Robinson, Hutchinson, Lilley.

Seattle—Goal, Bentley; defence, Arnett, Hunt, Sinclair, Davidson; forwards, Fonteyne, Fielder, McVie, MacFarland, Filion, Boileau, Leonard, Goyer, Rimstad.

Referee: Scotty Morrison; linesmen: Joey Johns and Pete Wywrot.

FIRST PERIOD

1. Vancouver, Blaine (Lilley, Macnab) 1.57.

Penalties: Sinclair 1.30, Cahan 3.15, Blaine 8.16, Cahan 9.19 and 13.45, Leonard 13.45, Arnett 17.49.

SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: None.

Penalties: Davidson 2.12, Belisle, Leonard 17.12, Robinson, Boileau 19.20.

THIRD PERIOD

2. Vancouver, Hutchinson (Howell) 16.42.

Penalty: Arnett 17.41.

Stops:

Dechene	9	6	8	23
Bentley	7	3	5	15

B.C. Championships For City Youngsters

ABBOTSFORD — Greater Victoria shuttlers won three titles here last night in the final round of the annual B.C. junior badminton tournament.

Alison Daysmith of Victoria won the under-14 girls' singles with an 11-5, 11-0 victory over Eleanor Shannon of Riondel, then teamed up with clubmate Alex Barloewen to take the under-14 mixed doubles, 18-13, 16-18, 17-16 from Howard Meakin of Vancouver and Kathy Osachoff of Castlegar.

Judy Humber was the other Victorian to bring home a championship, beating Jean Shepheard of Armstrong, 11-8, 11-5.

Victoria stars reached the finals of three of the other five events before losing out.

Barloewen lost to Meakin, 15-8, 15-12, in the under-14 boys' singles. Miss Humber and Hugh Rothe were beaten, 15-5, 15-7, by Miss Shepherd and Ed Paterson of Vancouver in the under-16 mixed doubles, and Rothe and Robert Schmelz of Victoria lost the under-16 doubles to Paterson and Stuart Frew of Vancouver, 15-13, 15-12.

Year-Long Contract For Summer Soccer

VANCOUVER—Dave Fryatt of Vancouver, B.C. soccer commission chairman has announced that players who perform in the Pacific Coast League will have to sign year-long contracts in the future.

This move was made to prevent players from competing in both the PCSL and the winter Mainland Leagues and to thus encourage younger players.

In the past, senior players have monopolized berths in both leagues and prevented junior and juvenile players from a chance to break into the winter league.

The commission was given permission to go ahead with the 12-month signing system at a Canadian Football Association meeting in Edmonton last month.

The new rule will apparently have no effect on the 1959 PCSL schedule unless a further announcement is made.

SPORTS CALENDAR

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TODAY

TABLE TENNIS
6.30 p.m.—Western Canada Championships; Final Round, Victoria Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club.

SATURDAY

RUGBY
2.30 p.m.—Victoria Rugby Union Final; JBAA vs. Oak Bay Wanderers, Windsor Park.

SUNDAY

GOLF
9.15 a.m.—Times Vancouver Island Golf Championship; Qualifying Round, Victoria Golf Club.

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